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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS RELEASE FOR JULY 28 NAC MEETING

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1. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE MEDIA WILL BECOME AWARE OF THE
SUBJECT OF THE JULY 28 COUNCIL MEETING ON CRUISE MISSILES.
TO FORESTALL EMPTY SPECULATION OR EXCESSIVE DELAY IN
RESPONDING TO POSSIBLE QUERIES, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING
CONTINGENCY PRESS RELEASE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. LESLIE GELB, DIRECTOR OF THE US STATE
DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF POLITICO-MILITARY AFFAIRS MET TODAY
WITH THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL TO DISCUSS AND ANSWER
QUESTIONS ON THE US CRUISE MISSILE PROGRAM.

MR GELB WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR WALTER SLOCOMBE, PRINCIPAL
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS, COL JAMES GRANGER OF THE JOINT CHIEFS
OF STAFF, DR EDWARD IFFT AND MR ERIC NEWSOM OF THE DEPART-
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MENT OF STATE, MR JAMES THOMPSON OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY
COUNCIL STAFF, MR DAVID MARTIN OF THE US SALT DELEGATION
AND (STILL TO BE NAMED) FROM THE ARMS CONTROL AND
DISARMAMENT AGENCY.

MR GELB DISCUSSED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE US CRUISE
MISSILE PROGRAM AND HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS,

INCLUDING A DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CRUISE
MISSILE ON FUTURE ALLIANCE POLICY.
THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION
FOR MR GELB'S PRESENTATION. THE US DELEGATION TO NATO
WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THE COUNCIL INFORMED OF FUTURE
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CRUISE MISSILE PROGRAM. END TEXT.

3. IF CONTINGENCY PRESS RELEASE IS APPROVED, WE WILL
ARRANGE FOR IT TO BE PREPOSITIONED WITH NATO PRESS
SPOKESMAN FOR RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC MEDIA QUESTIONS.
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